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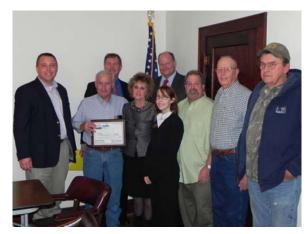
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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$26,300 GRANT TO THE CITY OF BOURBON

Anita J. Dunning, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, hosted a mock check presentation on November 18, 2010, at the Bourbon city hall. The city received a Community Facility Grant through USDA Rural Development to purchase a new zero turn mower and a new backhoe to replace their older equipment.

"Having the proper equipment to begin construction projects is an essential component of the development process," U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. "With the help of competitive grant funds from the USDA, the city of Bourbon has been able to purchase a backhoe and zero turn mower."

Dunning, said "Funding important projects like these pieces of equipment mirrors President Obama's initiatives for rural America and Rural Development's commitment to the future of rural communities. Appreciation is also extended to our Federal elected officials for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians."



Front row, left to right: Dan Engemann, Representative Luetkemeyer's staff; Leonard Armstrong, Mayor of Bourbon; Janie Dunning, Rural Development Missouri State Director,; Megan Hammer, Senator McCaskill's staff; Brent Byrd, City Alderman; Stanley Bell, City Alderman,; Robert Gargus, City Alderman. Back row, left to right-Jack Kearbey, Rural Development Area Specialist and Terry Luetkemeyer, Rural Development Area Director

Leonard Armstrong, Mayor of Bourbon, said, "On behalf of the City of Bourbon we really appreciate the funding received from USDA Rural Development for allowing the city to purchase the mower and the backhoe."

Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/</a> or can contact Jack O. Kearbey, Area Specialist, at the Rolla Sub-Area Office of USDA Rural Development at 1050 Highway 72 East, Rolla, MO 65401 or by calling (573) 364-2088 Ext. 4.

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